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Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. This will make of record a telephone conference on August 4, 2006, with Examiner MacArthur concerning amendments to the claims.

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The amendments to this patent application are as follows.

Claim 7 has been amended to conform to amended claim 7 on Page 5 of the Office Action in order to be allowable over the prior art. Claims 7, 12 and 14 have been amended in order to delete the reference character "(3)" which was objected to by the Patent Examiner. Withdrawal of this formal objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

New claims 18 to 22 have been added and are based upon and are supported by claims 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12, respectively.

The difference in terminology between claims 7 and 18 are that amended claim 7 recites that the attachment flange has a hub-sleeve element that is homogeneous therewith. New claim 18